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tion of the Kinges plea-  
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ture from Paris : importing the  
cause of his sudden and forced  
going away.



Rusty and wel-  
beloued. Being  
in our Towne  
of Paris, where  
we bent our on-  
ly cogitatiōs to  
no other thing but the appea-  
sing of all sorts of ielouzies and  
Disturbances in Picardy and else-  
wher, which hindered our iour-  
ney into our Country of Poictou,  
there to prosecute the warres  
enterprized against the Hugue-  
noes, according as we had resol-  
ued, our cosen the duke of Guize

vnwares to vs, did there arive  
the ninth of this moneth. His  
comming after that sort so en-  
creased the saide ielouzies and  
distrustes, that wee were much  
troubled therewith: the rather  
for that before we had from di-  
uers places beene aduertized,  
that he shold come in such ma-  
ner: also, that he was looked for,  
by sundry the inhabitantes of  
the same towne, who were sus-  
pected to bee the authors of the  
saide distrusts, besides that our  
selfe had before for the same  
cause giuen him to understand, þ  
wee were nothing desirous of  
his comming before we had ap-  
peazed the aforesayde troubles  
of Picardy, and quite taken away  
the causes of the same. Conside-  
ring neverthelesse, that he came  
accompanied onely with four-  
teene or fiftene horses, we were

con-

content to see him, and that the  
rather to the ende to endeuour  
so to deale with him that all oc-  
casions of ielouzie and distrust  
might be extinguished: wherent  
seeing how smally wee profited,  
as also that our saide Towne  
grew dayly more and more re-  
plenished with Gentlemen and  
strangers, retayners to the said  
Dukes trayne: also, that such  
searches, as we caused the ma-  
gistrates and officers thereof  
to make, were through the fear  
wherinto they were driven, per-  
formed to halues: likewise, that  
the harts and affections of sun-  
dry the enhabitants were dayly  
prouoked, and more and more  
alienated: together with the or-  
dinary aduertizementes wher-  
by wee were from time to time  
enformed of some great trou-  
bles to fal out in þ same towne,

we determined to cause the said  
searches to be more exactly per-  
formed throughout al the quar-  
ters thereof thou the former, to  
the end thereby to discouer and  
truely finde out the state of the  
same, also to auoide such stran-  
gers as shoulde be found not to  
be aduowed as they ought. For  
the performance whereof wee  
thought it good to strengthen  
certaine the bodies of the gar-  
des of the enhabitants and bur-  
geses of the same Town whom  
we had appointed to be planted  
in fourre or five corneres there-  
of, with the companies of *Suit-  
zers*, and such as were of the re-  
giments of our guard: who be-  
fore were lodged in þ suburbs:  
also to commaunde divers the  
Lords of the counsail & knightes  
of our order of the holy ghost, to  
march along the streets & quar-  
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ters thereof accompanied with  
the quarter masters and others  
the officers of the said Towne,  
such as haue bene vsually accu-  
stomed to make the saide seat-  
ches, to the end by their counte-  
naunce to authorize and assist  
them in the same, as hath sun-  
dry times bin practized. Where-  
of also we gaue notice to the said  
Duke, and all the enhabitantes  
of the saide Towne, leaste any  
thereof shoulde take allarom  
or any whit doubt of our entent  
in this point, which order at the  
beginning the Burgesses and  
dwellers seemed to take quietly  
and in good part: Howbeit  
within a while after matters  
grewe so whot and that the ra-  
ther through the induction of  
divers who wandering vp and  
dowone enformed the said enha-  
bitants that we had not brought

in the said forces for any other  
end, but only to establish forrein  
garisons within the Towne a-  
foresaid, yea, and to deale worse  
then so: whereby in short space  
they had so animated and stir-  
red them vp, that if wee had not  
expressly forbidden the leaders  
of our troopes from attempting  
any thing against the sayde en-  
habitants, & withall commaun-  
ded them rather to beare and  
endure all extremities then to  
offer any violence, wee doe vn-  
doubtedly beleue that it had bin  
vnpossible to eschue the general  
sacke of the Towne and much  
bloudshed. This when we per-  
ceined, wee determined to cease  
the execyution of the searches a-  
foresaid, also to cause our forces  
to retire whome wee had not  
brought in, but vpon that onely  
occasion: as also it was no o-  
ther

ther like, but that if we had met  
 other wise wee woulde haue at-  
 tempted, yea, and peraduenture  
 put in execntion whatsoeuer  
 our purposes before the rising  
 of the said enhabitantes, eyther  
 that they had drawne their  
 chaynes or erected their defen-  
 ses in the streetes, which imme-  
 diatly after noone they went in  
 hande withall, and in a manner  
 in one instant throughort all  
 the streetes of *Paris*, being there-  
 to induced and perswaded by  
 sundry gentlemen, Capteines  
 and other straungers sent in by  
 the saide Duke of *Guise*, who to  
 the same end, in very short space  
 appeared, denuded and aranged,  
 throughort euery quarter of the  
 Towne. Hercupon causing the  
 sayde *Switzers* and french com-  
 panies, to returne, the sayd en-  
 habitantes to our great greefe

dis-

discharged divers Harquebuzes  
shot, & dealt some blowes which  
light cheefely upon the sayde  
Switzers, whome the same eve-  
ning we commaunded to retire  
and lodge about our Castle of  
the *Loure*, there to expect the  
euent of this commotion of the  
said towne-men: for the appea-  
sing wherof, we did all that pos-  
sibly we could, yea, so farre forth  
as the next day to procure all  
the sayd companies, except such  
as before their comming in we  
had placed in guard before our  
said Castle, to depart the towne,  
as beeing enformed that in so  
doing, we might greatly contēt  
and pacify the said inhabitants:  
as also wee caused to stay some  
remaynder of the companies of  
foote-men of the regiment of *Pi-*  
*cardy*, albeit they were as yet se-  
uen or eyght leagues off, tog-  
ther

ther with divers Lordes and  
gentlemen our seruaunts that  
drewen vnto vs: as considering  
þ the same had bred some sha-  
dowe to this people, also þ they  
took hold of this pretence, wher-  
by the more to prouoke & stirre  
them vp. All this notwithstanding-  
ing, in lieuo of finding our wi-  
shed effect to their own venefit  
and our contentation, they ne-  
uerthelesse still proceeded in rai-  
sing their bulwacks, strengthe-  
ning their garde night & day,  
& approaching the same toward  
our said Castle of the *Loure*, even  
to the very sentinelgs of our ordi-  
nary garde, as also they seazed  
upon the townehouse of the same  
towne, togither with the keyes  
of s. *Anthonies* gate and other the  
gates therof: so that by the thir-  
teenth of this moneth, matters  
were runne so farre that it see-  
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med vnpossible by mans power  
to stoppe the effect of greater vi-  
olence and commotion, euen be-  
fore our sayd castle gates. This  
when wee perceived, and being  
neuerthelesse vnwilling to em-  
ploy our sayd forces against the  
said enhabitantes, as hauing e-  
uermore helde the preseruation  
of the sayde Towne with the  
enhabitants thereof, as deere as  
our owne life, as in sundry their  
occasions they haue well tryed  
and is evident to all men, wee  
determined the same day to de-  
part, and rather to absent our  
selues, and abandon the place  
which aboue all the world wee  
most loued, and so doe still desire  
to doe, then to see it encurre fur-  
ther hazarde or receive greater  
domage: hauing withal entrea-  
ted our most honourable Lady  
and Mother to stay, & try whe-  
ther

ther she might through her discretion and authoritie in our absence bee able to finde anye means, how to appeaze the said tumult, which notwithstanding, whatsoeuer her endenours, she conilde not in our presence performe, and so are come into this our Towne of *Chartres*, from whence wee thought good immediatly to sende you these presentes thererin Desiring you to consider of the consequence of this cause, how prejudiciale and hurtfull it will be, in case it goe forward, vnto the cōmon cause, especially to our holy catholike, Apostolike and Romish religiō, sith that they who were wont to fight togither for the propagation therof, shal through this accident (if it bee not remedied) be disuited and forced to turne their weapons cache against other:

ther: to eschue the falling wher-  
into we pray you to beleue that  
for our partes we wil do what-  
soeuer possibly we may: of such  
force is the zeale that we beare  
vnto our saide religion, as he-  
therto we haue sufficiently cau-  
sed to appeare. We also, so much  
as in vs lyeth, exhort and pray  
you to procure supplications to  
God in your Churches for this  
rebnion, as also that the obedi-  
ence vnto vs due, bee obserued  
according as is meete, and not  
to suffer the enhabitants of our  
Towne of M. to depart the  
right pathes thereof: but to ad-  
monish and perswade them to  
remaine quiet and constant in  
their loyalties to their King: &  
in vnsion and concord one with  
an other, so to mayntayne and  
preserue themselves vnder our  
obedience, and not to encurre  
the

the discōmodities for them pro-  
uided, if they take any other  
course. Thus besides that you  
shal performe an action worthy  
your discretions, fidelities and  
duties, which may bee a notable  
example to all subiectes, we shal  
receyde you thanks for euer, &  
acknowledege it to you  
and yours.

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